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MINERALS PROGRAM  
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Mr. Alan Wilson  
Senior Reclamation Engineer  
Hecla Mining Company  
6500 Mineral Drive  
Box C-8000  
Coeur d'Alene, Idaho 83814-1931

Re: Final Approval, Escalante Tailings Impoundment Reclamation Plan, Hecla Mining Company, Escalante Silver Mine, M/021/004, Iron County, Utah

Dear Mr. Wilson:

The Division has received your February 25, 1994 letter, sent in response to our February 17, 1994 conditional approval of Hecla Mining Company's (Hecla) Tailing Impoundment Reclamation Plan. Your letter indicated that Hecla accepts the conditions regarding monthly discharge monitoring and leaving the underdrain open for another two (2) year period before making a final decision on capping the underdrain. You also indicated you would forward all underdrain information that Hecla presently has available as soon as it can be compiled.

It is our understanding that Hecla's contractor has initiated the reclamation work last week on the impoundment. Surface compaction efforts of the tailings and laying down of the wasterock layer are presently underway. You indicated that you have been directly involved in overseeing the initial reclamation work thus far.

On March 7, 1994, we received Hecla's revised Reclamation Contract agreement and the replacement \$770,000 surety bond. The documents have been found incomplete. Page 5 of 9, of the Reclamation Contract has not been signed and dated by an authorized officer of Hecla Mining Company. Also, page 7 of 9, has not been appropriately signed by the corporate officer and notarized. Attachment "A", page 9 of 9, has not been completed, which is a legal description of the disturbed area covered by the reclamation surety. Attachment "A" should describe the disturbed area to *at least* the 1/4, 1/4 section, Township, Range, base meridian and county.

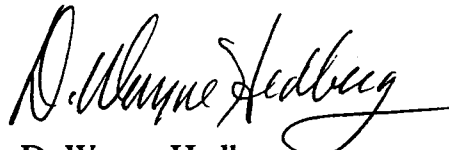


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The original pages are being returned to you for the required information. Please try and have the pages completed and returned to this office no later than April 8, 1994. This information will be included in the Board of Oil, Gas and Mining's briefing packages to be mailed out during the week of April 11-15th. We plan on presenting the amount and form of revised reclamation surety to the Board during its April 27, 1994 hearing.

Thank you for your continued cooperation and patience in completing this permitting action. Please call me should you have any remaining questions or concerns in this regard.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "D. Wayne Hedberg". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the printed name and title.

D. Wayne Hedberg  
Permit Supervisor  
Minerals Regulatory Program

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Enclosures  
cc: Richard Hall, Division Water Rights  
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